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Thanks Phil.

You may recall, Ms. Slavant, was one of the parties we responded to in a RA Control from a couple of months ago. Document attached.



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Subject: Fw: Crossett, Arkansas

FYI - EJ complaint about GP Crossett. Referred to 6EN.

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Pam & Bill,
Per your request on yesterday the complaint info from Ms. Cheryl Slavant is below in the info that I provided to Jerry Saunders and Esteban Herrea of 6EN. Please call me if you need more info.

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Date: 05/13/2011 05:08 PM
Subject: Crossett, Arkansas

Este & Jerry,
I received a call today from Ms. Cheryl Slavant, President of the Louisiana Environmental Action Network responsible for the Northwestern portion of Louisiana and the Southeastern portion of Arkansas. Crossett is located just 9 miles above the state's border with Louisiana. Crossett is the largest city in Ashley County, AR with a population of 5507 according to 2010 Census Bureau estimates.

As of the [census](#)^[2] of 2000, there were 6,097 people, 2,418 households, and 1,745 families residing in the city. The [population density](#) was 1,045.2 people per square mile (403.8/km²). There were 2,663 housing units at an average density of 456.5 per square mile (176.4/km²). The racial makeup of the city was 59.50% [White](#), 39.02% [Black](#) or [African American](#), 0.07% [Native American](#), 0.46% [Asian](#), 0.02% [Pacific Islander](#), 0.30% from [other races](#), and 0.64% from two or more races. 1.10% of the population were [Hispanic](#) or [Latino](#) of any race.

There were 2,418 households out of which 31.9% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 52.4% were [married couples](#) living together, 16.3% had a female householder with no husband present, and 27.8% were non-families. 25.6% of all households were made up of individuals and 12.8% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.48 and the average family size was 2.96.

In the city the population was spread out with 26.5% under the age of 18, 7.8% from 18 to 24, 25.4% from 25 to 44, 24.1% from 45 to 64, and 16.2% who were 65 years of age or older. The median age was 38 years. For every 100 females there were 87.4 males. For every 100 females age 18 and over, there were 82.9 males.

The median income for a household in the city was \$35,442, and the median income for a family was \$43,864. Males had a median income of \$41,667 versus \$22,206 for females. The [per capita income](#) for the city was \$18,288. About 13.7% of families and 16.8% of the population were below the [poverty line](#), including 29.1% of those under age 18 and 12.0% of those age 65 or over.

Ms. Slavant called to complain about effluent and liquid discharges running in the bar ditches and a creek that transits through an African American neighborhood. She claimed that the discharged effluent has extremely offensive odors and vapors coming from it and says that it smells like sulphur (SO₂). She says that the vapors are making people very sick and causing respiratory distress for many of the residents. Symptoms include irritated eyes, nasal systems and throat with severe coughing. I asked her if ADEQ had been notified and she said no because they weren't going to do anything for these folks.

She asked about our ability to provide air monitoring kits and whether we could do sampling of both the air and the water in the creek and ditches. She also mentioned a Koch Industries facility that she said was in the area that is a paper mill and plywood mill.

Can you guys help me out next week by discussing options with me. Her contact number is 318-381-0996. I'd appreciate any guidance /help you can offer. My number is 5-3138. Thanks in advance.

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